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Re: Petition for Promulgation of a Rule to Strictly Limit and Regulate  
Greenhouse Gas Emissions and to Establish an Effective Annual Emissions  
Reduction Strategy

Dear Ms. Sherley:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), I want to thank you and the members of the Boston Latin School Youth Climate Action Network (YouthCAN) for all of your hard work in preparing the petition that was filed with MassDEP on November 1, 2012 and the excellent comments submitted and presented by YouthCAN at the June 13, 2013 public meeting held here at MassDEP.

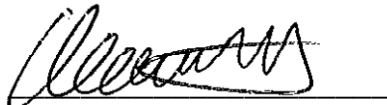
I am very impressed with your dedication and commitment to make a difference in one of the most important environmental concerns of our time: global warming. The work that all of you are doing with YouthCAN, Kids vs. Global Warming, and Our Children's Trust, will truly make such a difference in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Your extraordinary level of engagement in this area is truly inspiring. You should all feel really proud of yourselves because the work you are doing today will help make a difference in the lives of future generations.

As you know, Massachusetts has been a leader in the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by adopting many programs and regulations that will help Massachusetts achieve a 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. The results of those programs will allow Massachusetts achieve the goals you have laid out in your petition.

MassDEP has taken the information provided in your petition and comments very seriously and issues the attached response to your petition. If you have any additional questions please contact Nancy Seidman, Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of Waste Prevention, at 617-556-1020, or Marilyn Levenson, Senior Counsel, at 617-575-6825.

Thank you again for all of the work you have done to help us make a difference in the fight against climate change.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth L. Kimmell', written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth L. Kimmell  
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Cc:  
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